

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

The applicants respectfully maintain their traversal of the restriction requirement. The applicants also traverse the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution, the applicants have canceled, without prejudice, claims 1-11 and 18-25 and submit herewith terminal disclaimers over US application numbers 10/242304 and 11/081095. By these actions, the applicants respectfully submit that the claims are placed in condition for allowance

If the examiner believes a teleconference will advance prosecution, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned as indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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